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Toc H members accept a four-fold commitment :

- 1 To build friendships across the barriers that divide man from man
- 2 To give personal service
- 3 To find their own convictions while always being willing to listen to the views of others
- 4 To work for the building of that better world which has been called the Kingdom of God.

This magazine, which acts as a forum for ideas about Toc H and about the world in which we live, takes its title from the third of these Four Points—to think fairly.

On the Cover :

The Toc H property in Wendover. The decision to sell 15 Trinity Square and to transfer the Movement's administrative offices to Wendover was approved unanimously at the special Council meeting in December.

Photo : Bob Broeder

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VIEWPOINT

A tide in the affairs of Toc H

I think most of us left Swanwick after the Central Council in a mood of optimism. If it comes off, the proposed sale of 15 Trinity Square will make this, in retrospect, an historic Council meeting. The chairman, Betty Cornick, in her closing remarks, quoted Shakespeare: 'There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune.' Clearly the move of the Toc H administrative offices would give this tide a powerful new impetus.

The move will not, however, create the tide. If the tide were not already flowing an injection of money, even on this scale, would not of itself renew the Movement. The renewal is already taking place and, for this reason, the increased income for development comes at just the right time. It may indeed enable us to take the tide 'at the flood'.

Evidence of this renewal can be seen, as I suggested on this page last month, in the development of the project method. It can be seen in the various community development projects we have undertaken, in which members of the full time staff are trying to build Toc H from scratch in areas where the lack of community spirit is particularly acute. And this renewal can, of course, be seen in the life of branches and Districts up and down the country.

The most effective way to extend both the membership and the influence of Toc H is to have the courage (at times it may look more like foolhardiness) to take on tasks that are much too big for us, in the firm faith that if the project is sufficiently imaginative there will be no difficulty in finding the people and the money required to carry it out.

There's nothing new in that. It's been said over and over again since the earliest days of the Movement. But the truth of it has been proved in a number of different places in recent months. To take just two examples from last month's issue of *Point Three*: there is the Whitmore Vale mental health project, the result of years of planning and preparation; and the remarkably successful campaign in Hereford District which raised £900 in just two months to buy a chalet in which to provide holidays for disabled people. Two examples, of the many that

could be quoted, to show what can be done if we have the imagination to tackle real needs and the courage to think big.

To suggest that everything in the garden is perfect would be silly. The rejuvenation is only just beginning, but at least it has started. The signs of new life are clear for all to see. After a period when the very survival of the Movement seemed seriously in doubt we have emerged with a clearer idea of our purposes, a clearer view of what it is that we are to transmit to future generations. And, equally important, we have gained a clearer understanding of those aspects of Toc H that we should *not* try to transmit—but that's a theme that had best be left to a later occasion.

The decisions about where any new money is to be spent will, in the final analysis, be made by the Central Executive, and these decisions will to a large extent determine the way in which the Movement develops during the next decade. But the responsibility is not the Executive's alone. All of us share a responsibility for suggesting the ways in which the Movement should expand, for working out how the renewal which has already begun can best be strengthened. The ideas will have to come from Districts and Areas, building on the experiments that are already taking place, also at local level.

Will this be seen, in the future, as an historic turning point in the affairs of Toc H? Will the tide which we now dimly sense lead on to fortune? The answers will depend not simply on the Executive but on all of us.

K P-B

Next month

Whither South Africa? An authoritative article by Leslie Campling, Toc H member, and former worker for the South African Institute of Race Relations.

Brigid Gifford writes about Cyrenians and their work for the 'Edna's' of our society.

A contribution from the entertaining pen of Ron Evans.



The bridge builders

'Three times we have been to them as conquerors. Now they come to us as friends.' That was the theme of the sermon preached during a visit paid to Wolnzach in Germany by civic leaders from Poperinge. Tommy Asquith, East Yorkshire Area chairman, who represented Toc H, writes about this memorable, and enjoyable, Hopfest weekend.

Belgium and Germany are two of the world's greatest beer drinking countries and, in consequence, are two of the greatest growers of hops. Poperinge in Belgium and Wolnzach in Bavaria are two important towns in the heart of their country's hopfields. Growing commercial unity in Europe naturally led to links between the towns' industrial and commercial concerns and eventually to an exchange of visits between their civic leaders.

When Wolnzach's burgomeister and members of the town council visited Poperinge they were shown over Talbot House. At the official reception the burgomeister of Wolnzach invited a Poperinge delegation to visit his town on the occasion of its 1971 Hopfest and expressed the hope that Toc H would also be represented.

By a happy coincidence my wife and I had planned to spend part of a caravanning holiday in southern Bavaria and so joined with Colin Campbell in making sure that Toc H was able to respond to the burgomeister's invitation. The result was that we spent a weekend the memories of which will remain with us for very many years.

On a Friday afternoon in August, we reported to the Town Hall and were conducted by the deputy burgomeister to the town's swimming pool park. This was a near perfect place to park a caravan for it consisted of about four acres of picnic ground, one pool in which the water was kept at about 30°C, cold pools and a café. We were given the key of the gate and the freedom of the area for the weekend.

In the evening we made our way to the huge Fest tent, capable of seating over a thousand people, set out with tables and forms. There were stalls supplying food, a bar, and a platform on which a *leder hosen'*d, perspiring band performed. Outside, a fair was in full swing. When the Poperinge delegation (including Colin) arrived—they had flown from Brussels to Munich where they were met by private cars—we were presented with large plates of ham, cheese and sausage, plus a litre of beer. The band, lubricated by the local brew, set to work to drown all attempts at conversation. From time to time guest conductors such as the Poperinge burgomeister the hop queen and Colin led the music. Whether it was a reflection on the conductors or the effect of the beer the quality of the music was only maintained in volume. Early on Saturday morning we made our way to bed.

On Saturday we were present at the official opening of the Poperinge exhibition in the local school. This was very well presented showing the history of Poperinge, its industries and pictures of the town and the Flemish countryside. The model of the new housing project showed Toc H Street and Talbot House occupied a large part of a display panel. This panel showed how firmly the Belgian people believe that we have in the Old House a wonderful link in the chain of international friendship—or, to keep to the metaphor of my title—an important pillar in the bridge of friendship.

In the afternoon, led by the band and the waitresses in beautiful Bavarian costumes, we marched to the Fest tent for the broaching of the first barrel of the new season's brew.

On the Sunday morning, following mass in a crowded church, the Poperinge contingent assembled outside the Town Hall and marched across the Square to lay a wreath on the local war memorial. This, to me, was a moment of very deep emotion, for it gave one some realisation of the cost to our Belgian friends of this act of reconciliation. I knew that I was with people who had suffered grievously during the occupation and whose friends or relations had been deported or killed. 'It is only just now possible,' said one of them.

Later we went into the Town Hall for the official reception. Speeches were made, toasts were drunk and gifts exchanged. Colin briefly explained what Toc H was about and presented Toc H ties to the burgomeisters.

A few hours later on a sun scorching afternoon we returned to the Town Hall Square to take our seats on a grand stand to be spectators at what the programme described as *ein des grossen historischen Festzuges*. It was all that. There were 20 floats depicting the history of the area, four bands and several groups of folk dancers. The local school-children performed dances and sang traditional songs. It was a very impressive and enjoyable occasion.

The weekend finished on the Monday with visits to a factory producing hop concentrate and to the local brewery (and all that that implies). In the afternoon the Poperinge party left for home and the following morning we towed our caravan out of its Wolnzach site.

So ended three very full days and nights. It had been a time of gaiety, the making of friendships and, we believe, a real contribution to better understanding. How good it was to know that two days after the senior citizens of Poperinge had left, a party of Belgian youngsters were to follow as guests.

Welcome Point

The following branches elected new members in November:

- 5—Falmouth (w).
- 4—Melton Mowbray (w), Rushden Royal (w).
- 3—Alston (m), Hong Kong (w).
- 2—Accrington (j), Brandon (m), Brandon (w), Central (j), Congleton (m), Coomb (m), Garforth (w), Gorleston (w), Market Rasen (m), Southam (m), Welling (m).
- 1—Aberdeen (j), Ashford (m), Barton-on-Humber (m), Fareham (w), Felpham (m), Great Harwood (m), Herne Bay (m), Kidsgrove (w), Lee (m), Louth (m), Mablethorpe (j), Manchester Area (j), Middlesbrough (m), Northern Area (j), Paignton (m), Pocklington Court (j), Rayleigh (w), RHHI, Putney (w), Tavistock (m), Wallasey (m), Westham (w), West Yorkshire Area (j).

We extend a warm welcome to the 63 new members.

Obituary

We regret to announce the death of the following members:

In August: Henry J Laker (Otley).

In October: John R C Dengate (Northiam), David Edwards (Rhyl North), Wilfred E Johnson (East Midlands Area), Courtney J Newton (Winsham), William C Vance (Otley).

In November: Hazel D Cook (Greathouse), William E Liddiard (Mildenhall), Florence E Smith (Fulney).

We give thanks for their lives.

Visit Iona in 1972

Make 1972, when Toc H in Scotland celebrates its Jubilee, the year you visit the beautiful island of Iona. St Columba made Iona one of the earliest centres of Christianity in these islands. In our generation the Iona Community has made the island one of the cradles of the renewal of the Church. A week on Iona brings both relaxation and inspiration. This year's Toc H week, under the leadership of Frances Beeton, will be September 30—October 7. Only 30 places. Full details from, and bookings to:
Ian Russell, 89 Forres Drive, Glenrothes, Fife

A changing society in a changing society

George Lee *Midland Region staff*

Over the years Toc H has changed many times, and to live must continue to change. What seems relevant to me is whether we see such changes as a kind of revolution or as a reformation in which we would re-establish the essential principles of the Movement in a new context.

So often we continue to work old-fashioned methods, and use faded slogans, all of which must produce serious problems of communication with others. Toc H was designed to break down the barriers of communication between men and yet over the years we have developed a terminology which is not only peculiar, and sometimes rather quaint, but definitely mystifying; either not understood at all, or maybe completely misunderstood by the majority of people we are trying to reach.

I was given to understand that one of the original reasons for the acceptance of Toc H was the failure of the Church to touch the vast majority of people, as it had befogged the issue with a particular jargon, and devoted most of its energies to trying to *explain* the message rather than live it out. We seem at times to be in the ironical position of making the very same mistake which was instrumental in bringing our Movement into being. Certainly it would appear that by our blind adherence to old methods and a particular language we have tended to ignore the barriers to real communication which we have created for ourselves, and once we break that principle we destroy the whole purpose of our existence.

Our present position is nothing new. Throughout the years men have always found it difficult to change old forms when confronted with new conditions and new demands. It is simply a matter of good communications.

If Toc H wishes to be relevant and involved in the changes demanded by the changing society of which we are all, willy-nilly, a part, then we require a faith which will not shrink from a resolute effort to appreciate the true conditions of our time, and an equally resolute determination to think those problems through with a Christian application. We are indeed dead already if we adhere rigidly to the form and ignore the living spirit.

Two major changes are demanded of us. Firstly that we discover, or maybe rediscover, ways of challenging men so that a response one way or the other is demanded of them. The second must come about in ourselves, in a healthy scepticism toward all traditional forms and procedures whereby we are prevented from being hypnotised by the mere familiarity of those things. Instead of asking how we can continue in the future what we have done in the past we ought to be asking now whether such traditions and language have any relevance at all to the need of the day in which we live.

We are humanly prone to make excuses for ourselves. We bemoan our numerical weaknesses instead of considering how best to use the resources we already have. We ignore the fact that so often our branch rooms are cut off and insulated from the pulsating real life of our community. Even asking what changes are required of us would tend to indicate either that we are completely and utterly unaware of the changes that are taking place in the world around us, or, if we are aware, that we pretend that such changes do not really exist.

It is not until we are prepared to move out of our cosy branch rooms into the arid wilderness of suspicion, unrest and rootlessness that we discover for ourselves something of the fears and anxieties of our fellow men. It will often mean taking risks, being exploited, accepting failure. There will be no banner headlines, but just here and there signs of true reconciliation and of an essence of love, joy and peace growing amongst men.

Nowadays people are rarely won over by glib phrases or pious slogans, but most men are still able to appreciate our readiness to share with them an intensely rich personal experience wherein we have obviously discovered an abundance of life.

The question is whether we ourselves are able to recognise the ingredients of the real Toc H, or whether we have become confused by a particular pattern of organisation which we like to call Toc H.

If the former then we have nothing to fear, for we shall be aware of the constant changes taking place

What sort of commitment?

John Morgan South Ruistlip branch

The format of this article had been in my mind for some time but nothing crystallised until I went to a conference at Alison House a few weeks ago. During this weekend it was stated that the signing of the membership form was a big stumbling block to many young people who wished to join us. From their point of view the signing of the form is a commitment which holds little meaning for some of them and yet many of their age group who came into contact with Toc H for the first time were already living out the principles of the Four Points of the Compass. To ask them to sign a membership form was an irrelevance.

Recently I made the acquaintance of a young man of 23 who said that he was interested in learning more about Toc H. After reading some of our literature, almost the very first words he said to me were 'Is Toc H a religious organisation?' Since we frequently assert that we are unique among similar organisations because of our Christian basis, I wonder whether we are driving away potential members by placing

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around us, and be able to apply the truth of Toc H to each and every need as it arises. If the latter, however, then no list, whatever its length, or by whoever prepared, will prove of any salvation to those who have never known, or maybe never wanted to know, the essential ingredients of the Movement to which they claim some allegiance.

We only win men when we not only share our concerns with them but are able to convey through personal experience that Toc H has a relevant contribution to make in answering those needs. In all this the first essential change must come about in ourselves with a realisation or a re-appraisal of the continued worth of Toc H based on actual personal experience, instead of attempting to hide behind outworn phrases, a peculiar and particular jargon, or even past achievements rather than things hoped for. Nothing else in the end counts but our own personal example and witness and our ability through our own lives to convey the truths in which we believe. Toc H stands or falls by that alone. Let us be sure we communicate to others the truth which is Toc H.

too much emphasis on this point. When we so desperately need younger blood in the Movement, it seems that we tend to forget that Christ was all things to all men and in so doing are trying to make Christianity some kind of exclusive club for do-gooders. Until we accept people for what they are and not what we think they ought to be, we shall never embrace those who are prepared to give themselves without religious trappings.

I would strongly recommend all members to read Fred Brown's excellent book *Secular Evangelism*,* part of which examines the attitude of youth towards Christianity and the effect that this had on the author. He found that it was almost impossible to sell God, Jesus Christ and the Bible to them, yet for all their apparent indifference they cared deeply for their fellow human beings. They viewed Vietnam, Rhodesia and South Africa as very real problems, and not just newspaper headlines. They were more than willing to help others but would not do so under the umbrella of organised religion. This book in my view contains a moral for Toc H and if we are everyman's club as we have always claimed let us prove it.

The author is very near the truth when he says: 'If we stuff them with bread baked in our denominational oven then, despite our sincerity, they will probably be nauseated and develop an allergy. We proclaim a gospel that offers freedom and yet are enslaved with a system of words, structures, traditions, dogmas and creeds. These things are of course important, but only as signposts and never as destinations. By making them so we are guilty of idolatry, the end result of which is always disastrous'. This may be a pretty radical point of view but nevertheless it contains more than a hint of warning for our own Movement. We must never try to put across a dogma but encourage people to ask questions, remembering always that Toc H enables us to discover what our beliefs and values really are.

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Letters

Lonely Freedom

Every week young men and women are released from borstals and prisons all over the country; many of them are homeless, jobless and friendless. Some come to London hoping to start a new way of life. Probation officers are sometimes their only link with the outside world while in prison and their only support when released. This is not enough. What is needed is friendship, help and support from ordinary people like you. Your help is needed not only when they are released but also beforehand in the form of letters and visits while they are still inside.

A Youth Resettlement Project was set up by the London Probation Service in 1968 and is an attempt to involve members of the community in the resettlement of young offenders. You can help in several ways, by becoming a Voluntary Associate, by providing housing or employment.

Voluntary Associates are men and women aged 20 years and over who in their spare time attempt to befriend these young people during and after sentences in borstals and prisons. To become a Voluntary Associate you attend six evening talks which may include a visit to a borstal and discussions with ex-borstal boys, probation officers and Voluntary Associates already in the field.

Housing is an obviously difficult area for the young offender. If you have a spare room to let, or know of anyone who has and would be willing to accommodate a young offender, then you will be a great help in the resettling of these young people.

Everyone knows how hard it is to find a job these days and it is even harder for a young offender because of the stigma attached. It goes without saying that much help is needed in this area.

If you are a person who is willing to show friendship to someone who needs it, or you are a landlord or employer who can assist in any way, please write for further information to Mike Bracken or Mrs Raya Levin, Youth Resettlement Project, 289 Borough High Street, London SE1, telephone 407-4611.

Ken Breeze (Clayton Volunteer 1971)

Alison House holiday weeks: July 29-Aug. 5: Handicapped, N. Region: Ldrs Johnnie & Mollie Mac-Millan. Aug. 5-12: Ldrs Marjorie, Archie & Gay Berry. Aug. 12-19: 'Painting': Ldr Kathleen Owen. Aug. 19-26: 'Family holiday': Ldr Alan Brooke & Olive Tennant. Aug. 26-Sept. 2: 'Exploring': Ldrs Roland & Doreen Gill. (see page 20)

Not the Only One

I have just received the November issue of *Point Three*, and am writing to you about the article by Huw Gibbs on pages 188-9.

In his introduction to *This is a singing church* he says: 'All Hallows Church is as busy as a city church should be. By comparison with many within a stone's throw of headquarters it pulsates with activity'. There are just two churches 'within a stone's throw of headquarters', St Olave's, Hart Street, and St Margaret Pattens, Eastcheap. I am a member of the latter. Both these churches are very active in their own individual ministries, and what authority has Mr Gibbs to make such an untrue statement? I do not wish to reel off all our achievements, but I do resent the 'holier-than-thou' attitude. I have always understood that point three of the compass of Toc H is to think fairly!

Megan Huelin London

Warden Manor

After another short stay at Warden Manor we thought we must write and say what a wonderful time we had, for the benefit of readers who haven't yet experienced the pleasures of the Manor. As comparative new comers we were amazed at the warm welcome we were given: this is indeed the place to go to make new friends, both young and old. The generation gap just doesn't exist—everyone joins in and soon becomes part of the Warden family. Everyone has great fun and if the going gets too hectic one can always find a quiet corner to relax.

It's good to know that apart from the usual summer season the Manor will be open for occasional week-ends—undoubtedly brightening up the winter months—yours perhaps?

Sue Roper and Julia Campbell Croydon, Surrey

One Small Step?

'The gap between the vision and the possible has been the despair of many of the world's great men.'

Bob Knight

PERSONALITY POINT

New members of the Executive

Mrs Agnes Cook retires this year from her job as organising secretary to the Llandaff Diocesan Association for Moral Welfare. She has been a magistrate for 25 years and has a particular interest in drug and alcoholic problems. She is currently secretary to both the South Wales Area Council and the Cardiff women's branch. She has held a wide variety of offices at Area and District level and has served three times on the Women's Association Central Executive.

Mrs Vera Inglis lists among her interests local history, photography and dress making. She has been a member for ten years and is secretary of Edinburgh branch. She is secretary to the local Girl Guides' Association and an active member of the Baptist Church. She is a housewife.

John Morgan, also a Baptist, is this year's chairman of the South Eastern Regional Council. He joined Toc H in 1948 and has held offices at branch, District and Area level. He is particularly interested in a club for mentally handicapped children. He is an accountant by profession and has on several occasions contributed articles to *Point Three*.

Mark Secker joined Toc H six years ago. He is a member of Banstead mobile action group and was this year's chairman of the Surrey projects committee. He took part in the sponsored walk to Poperinge earlier this year. He works for a life assurance company.

Keith Rea took up his appointment as Commissioner for Toc H Services' Clubs in Germany on January 1. He is succeeded as Finance Secretary by George Barnett.



Vera Inglis



Agnes Cook



Mark Secker



Keith Rea



John Morgan

SALVATION ARMY HONOURS TUBBY CLAYTON

A unique break with tradition resulted in Tubby receiving public recognition of his work in founding Toc H from Commissioner Albert E Mingay of the Salvation Army. This was the first time that The Army had made an award of this kind and the citation recorded its gratitude for Tubby's spirit,

and friendship for the Salvation Army. A packed All Hallows church heard Tubby ask for increased co-operation at all levels between Toc H units and the Army. The presentation took place on November 25 and was widely reported in the press.

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TALKING POINT

Eleven words

Bob Knight

In view of the title this page must look like a broken promise to be brief. But that is a misunderstanding, and before the first paragraph in January. Saying or writing precisely what you mean may seem simple. Until you meet that tourist on the London underground who asks you where he can find a dog. Believing he knows a little about English euphemisms, you begin to give him the necessary directions. But he protests and points to a notice at the top of the escalator, 'Dogs must be carried'.

How often an argument develops beyond the point of no return, before it is evident that the important words hold a different meaning for everyone taking part. So finding one such word for each 'Talking Point' in 1972 should not be difficult. The number is eleven and not twelve, because the annual report is published in September.

With the title explained a first choice must be made. 'Growth' is a sinister word in the doctor's vocabulary, but for the farmer and the gardener it is evidence of an annual miracle. As a boy who did not want to grow up, Peter Pan was the exception that proves the rule. All children want to grow older and bigger while every adult is trying to ignore the one and avoid the other.

We reach a peak of physical and mental condition and go over the hill. The average weight of the human brain diminishes by approximately one gramme every year from the age of twenty. Physical deterioration is unfortunately more difficult to conceal. But in attitudes, wisdom, or whatever word we use for the spiritual, we have a choice and may go on growing, either better or worse. To call a halt, as if to say 'I will settle for this stage of maturity' is to grow worse. From that point on we would be at war with every new experience, and indifferent to every new personality. We would discover the terrible truth in the saying, 'The man who tries to save his life will lose it'.

Out of doors, new growth will appear next spring, preceded by a period in which everything appears to have died. What was the glory of last summer has indeed died. In these months of winter there is growth, and although it is imperceptible it is an

essential part of the cycle. There are similar and recurring stages in spiritual growth, and the death of what was once our glory is difficult to accept. It has to happen, to give place to something more appropriate.

This is personal and introspective. But it appears in the relationships of our family circle, at work, in Toc H and the Church. We are not to remain static. The rebellious teen-ager must be offered an adult relationship. The cynicism of middle-age is youthful idealism turned sour, and must be poured away to leave room for a mature wine of experience, met rightly and absorbed wisely. Disgruntled old age can be transformed by the thankful recognition that others younger, who recognise what ground has been won, are ready to take the field.

To say 'He has always been the same', 'She will never learn', 'They always behave like that', is crippling. Paying the compliment that others can learn and grow is to give the responsibility to do so. What sustains us individually, and in Toc H, is a continuing conviction of a divine purpose. That Toc H is part of such a purpose has become increasingly evident since we found our 'second wind'. We can make the year now beginning another significant year for our growth.

Constant use will wear out everything—especially friends.

The long, long mile

The Whitmore Vale project was featured in our last issue. Ken Prideaux-Brune discussed some of the thinking behind this ambitious new project with Ray Fabes of the South Eastern Regional staff.

What is the basic purpose of Whitmore Vale? What do we mean when we talk about a halfway hostel? Ray Fabes puts it graphically: 'Imagine yourself on the Brighton Road coming towards London. Having passed the bustle of Gatwick Airport one sees on the hill ahead before one descends into Redhill a cast iron, stone and brick monstrosity called the Royal Earlswood Hospital. If one stops in the hospital one is struck by the "security" of everything, the buildings, the quiet, unhurried world, uniformed staff, the wards, meals at certain times—an identity with something that never changes. Then—Redhill. The bustle, the fumes, people going about their business not talking to anyone, the intense noise of the busy traffic, families in groups shopping together—how can a hostel bridge that gap? It may be only a mile in physical terms, but if a halfway house is to provide a graduated encounter with the community and increase people's capacities for self-sufficient and independent living, what does this mean in emotional terms?'



The Mental Health Act 1959 made community care in the treatment of the mentally subnormal official government policy and put pressure on local authorities to establish hostels to act as a halfway stage between mental hospitals and a full return to the community. In the intervening 12 years there has been very little research into the effectiveness of this new policy but such figures as do exist suggest that there is a very uneven spread of hostels; that there are a great many vacant places in the hostels that do exist; and that there is some reluctance to move into hostels from patients able to go out to work from hospital. Rumours they have heard lead them to believe that they would have to pay more and get very little greater

The gap between the serenity and order of hospital life and the bustle of modern urban life may not be great in physical terms but it is an enormous gap in emotional terms. It is this gap that the halfway hostel is designed to bridge.

Photos: Syndication International

independence in return. All of which indicates that the mere setting up of hostels, without giving careful thought to how the residents are to be prepared for a return into the community, is no cure of itself. Before embarking on the Whitmore Vale project those responsible clearly had to devote a lot of time to learning what they could from the experience of others who have run hostels of this kind, and to working out in some detail what they hoped to achieve and how they were going to set about it.

Where problems exist in hostels the basic trouble is nearly always staff—or rather lack of staff. Many of the vacant beds in hostels are due simply to staff shortages. In seeking staff one is looking for, in Ray Fabes' words, 'competent people willing to live abnormal lives', and such people are not easy to find. There is no job status, no career structure and no nationally recognised training for the job. The warden is expected to undertake an almost impossible variety of roles—as substitute



parent, as employment officer, as teacher and as social worker. Where married couples are appointed jointly as wardens husband and wife can rarely get time off together. The ideal must be to establish a family atmosphere in the hostel, but in fact, comments Ray, 'it is common for a warden and his wife to take their "normal family environment" away from the mainstream of the hostel to prevent intrusions and extra demands, in fact withdrawing at a time when most of the residents are at home and need their help most'.

Those responsible for Whitmore Vale don't claim to have any kind of magic wand that will make these very real problems disappear. They are, however, planning two practical steps that may help to ease the situation. They are hoping that one or two single young people will become a full part of the family community. And they plan to appoint someone with a specific responsibility for recreation and entertainment. Whitmore Vale will not be in any way introverted or isolated, but will be a real community centre, with plenty of people coming and going.

All too many local authority hostels seem to be as regimented and institutionalised as the hospitals from which their residents come. Eighty per cent of hostel staff have had years of experience in hospitals behind them and it is, perhaps, inevitable they will bring institutional values to their new work. The petty rules, enforced austerity and lack of freedom are sometimes due simply to a shortage of staff but whatever the cause they can hardly help to develop the residents' independence. A frightening insight into the authoritarian attitudes of many of those who work with the mentally subnormal is the demand made by some hospital medical staff that all those admitted to Whitmore Vale should be sterilised. The approach behind the Whitmore Vale project is very different. The starting point is the belief that everyone has something to contribute. Residents will be encouraged to work in the house or the garden. They will be encouraged to express their likes and dislikes. The aim, in fact, is maximum participation.

Those responsible for Whitmore Vale believe that their residents will need more than just one stepping stone into the community. They plan to develop, with the co-operation of social workers at Botley's Park Hospital, a four stage programme of rehabilitation. Within the hospital there will be a special ward to act as a stepping stone between the hospital and the hostel. And at Whitmore Vale

there will be a self-contained flat as the final stepping stone to full independence.

One of the more incredible facts to emerge from such research into hostels for the subnormal is that in only a small minority of cases are hostel wardens consulted about who should be admitted. Clearly the admissions policy is central to the working out of the hostel's objectives. Whitmore Vale will only take those subnormals who are able to work, but within this category the aim is for as wide a mixture as possible. 'It would seem,' says Ray, 'that by far the best results come from the hostels where the widest possible range of sex and illness have been admitted purely because they were thought suitable to take the step into the community-as persons.' Whitmore Vale has, however, been under strong pressure to accept only males, partly at least because hospitals have to rely on their more capable female patients for their own domestic work.

The decision to take only working subnormals naturally went a long way towards allaying the fears of neighbours. However the problem of finding suitable work within reasonable travelling distance is a continuing one. And the problems don't end there. For many patients coming from hospital a full day's work will cause a considerable amount of fatigue, as with someone recovering from a serious illness. 'In our case,' says Ray, 'we know our first residents can cope with a third of a day at work.' And he adds: 'It is the other two thirds of the day which are crucial in hostels.' Hence the emphasis at Whitmore Vale on an adequate recreational programme. This means both encouraging local people to come into the hostel and also encouraging the hostel's residents to participate in two social clubs already run by Toc H in the locality. One caters for psychiatric patients, the other for subnormals living in the community; and both have been going for about two years.

One field where Toc H has a head start over other bodies running hostels is the involvement of the local community. This ought to be part of any scheme of this kind but in too many cases it is forgotten once the initial battle for planning permission has been won. At Whitmore Vale the involvement of the local community is seen as absolutely central to the process of rehabilitation.

Despite all the careful thought and preparation that has gone into this project it would be ridiculous to suppose that those responsible have undertaken anything but a very difficult task. That is the measure of the task which Whitmore Vale has set itself. If it is to succeed it will need the continuing support of the membership.

NEWSPOINT

MILK TOP BOMB SCARE

Keith Beck

When a member of Tavistock branch received an unexpected parcel from Northern Ireland the initial reaction was to send for the Bomb Disposal Squad. Investigation revealed that the lethal contents were milk bottle tops! Tavistock Toc H had received front-page coverage in the local press and a story in the *Daily Mail* when they discovered that a world slump in aluminium meant that their income from selling milk bottle tops would be reduced by nearly two thirds. Monies received are used to support an 11 year old Ugandan girl, Julyana Auma, at a special school where she receives treatment for leprosy. Fantastic support from local people and the local press had encouraged the branch to plan for supporting a second young leprosy victim in this way. Not discouraged by price reductions, or bomb scares, they are now working harder than ever to achieve their intention. The suspect parcel was not the only unexpected delivery: the branch has also received an anonymous gift of 50p from an 80 year old OAP in East Cornwall, and a letter full of suggestions for fund raising from the chairman of a branch in the Home Counties.

Sponsored bike ride

The Cyclists' Touring Club raised £88 for Accrington branch by means of a sponsored bicycle ride. 25 members of the Club took part, each of them riding 100 miles. The money will be used to provide equipment at a local convalescent home.

Personal Accident Insurance

Will branches please note that the annual premium (still 10p per person) was due on January 1 and should be paid to headquarters without delay.

Exhibition builds bridges

Toc H was one of 22 organisations in Dalton, Lancs, which joined together last autumn to stage an exhibition. The exhibition, under the title 'Contact 71', aimed to let people know how many voluntary organisations are at work in the area and to encourage support for them. The branch also felt that this exhibition was one way of helping to bridge the gap which exists between those living in the old town of Dalton and those who have moved into the large new estate on the edge of the town.

Permissiveness— for or against?

The many branches which have discussed 'the permissive society' in recent months may like to know that the Midland Region is planning an open weekend on this subject at Alison House on April 21-23. It is described as 'a weekend of talks, discussions and debate for permissive, anarchistic youngsters and reactionary old codgers, with a few "don't knows" needed to wash up and keep the peace'. Details from John Mitchell, Toc H Mark VI, 6 Wake Green Road, Moseley, Birmingham 13.

Caviar at boys' club dinner

Russian caviar and British fish and chips were both featured on the menu of the 21st anniversary dinner of the Lifstan Boys' Club in Southchurch, Kent. Fish and chips because 21 years ago Toc H members from Southchurch branch, concerned about the number of boys who wandered aimlessly about the streets of the town, bought some fish and chips and invited some of the boys to supper. From this meeting sprang the idea of the Lifstan Boys' Club, and in a year £400 had been raised to build a headquarters for the club from old army huts. In 1965 the club moved into its present £8,000 building. Those responsible for planning the anniversary dinner thought that the growth of the club from its humble beginnings to its present position could be likened to the difference between caviar and fish and chips. So they wrote to the Russian Ambassador and asked if he would care to donate a small amount of caviar. A very generous supply was sent from the Embassy and was much enjoyed by the guests at the dinner, who included some of the Toc H members who had been responsible for the starting of the club.

STOREROOM GIFT

To celebrate the 40th birthday of Alfreton branch, in Derbyshire, members built a storeroom for a local school. The material used on this job came from old deer pens in Alfreton Park.

The school, for mentally handicapped children, is in the park.

Estate committee to be elected

Addington branch in Croydon has always seen playing a part in local affairs as part of its function. Now members of the branch have been involved in an attempt to launch a management committee on the New Addington estate and the branch is represented on the group charged with the responsibility for preparing the way for an election on the estate this spring. The main aims of the estate management committee will be to promote the welfare, amenities and social well-being of the people on the estate. It will be non-political and non-sectarian. It will work closely with the three local Councilors and will liaise with the Croydon Borough Council, while at the same time acting as the concerted voice of the estate.

Bob Knight speaks of new methods

'Toc H is striving towards a community with rising standards of behaviour, not just higher standards of living and higher costs,' said Bob Knight, head-quarters padre, speaking at a guest night in Rushden, Northants. Underlining the fact that Toc H has developed new methods to meet the needs of modern society, Bob stressed that members are seeking to establish a caring community in which, by accepting a share of responsibility, the ordinary person can make a significant contribution.

The meeting attracted over 100 people and, says *Point Three* correspondent Ted Curry, 'it was a *real* guest night, with a number of people present who were newcomers to Toc H'. Entertainment was provided by the well-known performers from Rushden women's branch, the Roaring Royals, dressed this time in Edwardian costumes.

There is no surprise more magical than the surprise of being loved.

It is God's finger on a man's shoulder.

CONWAY'S NOSON LAWEN

Reg Plimmer reports that Conway branch raised money for its Christmas charity work by holding a *noson lawen* in a farm house of great age, with thick walls and heavy timbered ceiling supports, a perfect setting for this Welsh form of entertainment. The performers included a group of five singers with guitar and piano accompaniment, a harpist and a solo singer who has performed with distinction at the Royal National Eisteddfod. The evening attracted a full house. The room where the artists performed and an adjoining room were filled to capacity.

Drug problem discussed

When Kirkley branch, in East Anglia, arranged for two officers from the Drug Squad to talk to them about the drug problem they did not only invite members of other branches in the District. They also invited teachers from the two local high schools, reports *Point Three* correspondent Hilda Cleveland. Ten teachers attended the meeting and they expressed great appreciation for the opportunity of hearing about this subject. This should suggest that when drawing up programmes branches could well consider whether any of the subjects would be of special interest to any local group. Meetings such as Kirkley's can at the same time provide a service and introduce people to the Movement.

Not a xylophone



You'll be forgiven for thinking that Bob Smith, hon Area secretary in Kent, is leaning over a home-made xylophone. In fact it is a Brussel Sprout Inspection Table and it won him first prize at a farm machinery Ideas of the Year competition sponsored by British Petroleum. Entries were received from Europe and Israel and the prize includes a trip to Common Market countries in 1972 and £100 in cash.

Baby alarm for the deaf

Many parents of small children use a baby alarm so that they can hear if the baby cries even if it is sleeping in a room some distance away. However if both parents are deaf a conventional alarm is not much use. Caister branch, in Norfolk, has recently presented a deaf couple with an alarm adapted so that a light will flash on the receiver when the baby cries. These special alarms cost £15 each and Toc H is one of several local organisations that are helping the Deaf Welfare Association of Norfolk and Norwich to provide all deaf parents of small children with alarms.

TV series about the elderly

The BBC has announced a series of six television programmes on the problems of the elderly. The programmes, under the general title 'Seventy Plus', begin on January 10, and will be broadcast on BBC2 on Monday evenings at 7.05. The programmes look at some of the professional and voluntary services which, working in co-operation with family and relatives, help to meet the basic needs of the elderly. 'The difficulties of giving help and support when and where it is needed, without taking away the older person's sense of independence, are very real,' says the BBC. Each programme will concentrate on a particular service, and will explain both what the service aims to offer and what some of the 'customers' think of it.

They took to the air



Castlecroft branch, near Wolverhampton, has for some years arranged an annual outing to Malvern for a group of handicapped youngsters. This year, however, the branch decided to be more imaginative and adventurous. As a result 55 pupils from Wightwick Hall school for the handi-

Another wheelchair fleet

In September last year we reported on the fleet of wheelchairs owned by Lowestoft branch. Now we learn that Buckingham branch are starting to build up a fleet also. The branch at present has two folding chairs available on loan. Much of the money for this and other branch projects has been raised by collecting old newspapers and magazines. A wheelchair costs £44 and waste paper fetches about £7 a ton so you can work out just how many copies of your favourite newspaper are required to buy one wheelchair. Members of the branch reckon they have collected over 150 tons of waste paper during the last five years.

SQUARE ONE

Copy book maxims are not the cradle but the grave of good conduct in the young.

*Tubby Toc H Journal
January 1920*

Lots of brass

The popularity of brass bands in the north shows no sign of slackening, and news has reached us of two major brass band concerts sponsored by Toc H. The sixth annual concert in Blackburn featured the Rossendale Male Voice Choir and Mr Harry Mortimer's Men o' Brass. According to the local paper 'the choir were on top form; they have rarely been heard to better advantage in Blackburn'. At Liverpool's Philharmonic Hall the second annual Brass in Concert featured the Northwich & District Festival Choir and the Band of Yorkshire Imperial Metals. Both the Festival Choir and the Men o' Brass have appeared in Toc H charity concerts at the Free Trade Hall in Manchester.

ANT-CHEEK

'The reason our antiques are so cheap is because we buy them direct from the manufacturers.

Overheard in an American antique shop

capped, ranging in age from 8 to 17, abandoned their wheelchairs and took to the air. In addition to flights over the Shropshire countryside, they also visited hangars and the control tower. The cost of this exciting outing, about £150, was met from District funds, aided by a contri-

bution of £15 from a Wolverhampton primary school. Not content with this entry into the airline business the Wulfrun District is now raising money to rent or buy a boat to take the children on canal trips.

Photo: Wolverhampton Chronicle

Will they catch their death?

The familiar phrase 'catching one's death of cold' could become grim reality for many old people in Britain this winter. Hypothermia is the medical name for it, if that makes you feel any better. What can be done? Well, for one thing get together with the Social Services Department, the Old People's Welfare Association and local branches of Rotary and other organisations, as a matter of urgency, to discuss how you can help to ensure that the elderly keep warm and feed themselves properly. And make sure that your MP is aware of the situation and urge him to bring pressure to bear at national level to get a better deal for the elderly.

'Sell Headquarters' plan approved

Over 50 Councillors in special session at Church House, Westminster, on December 11, gave unanimous approval to the Finance committee's proposal that 'No 15 Trinity Square should be sold at a fair market price'. The resolution stipulates that HQ will retain a presence on Tower Hill but the main administrative block should be removed to Toc H property at Wendover, Bucks.

Moving the motion, and noticeably aware of the heavy responsibility, George Liddle, Hon Treasurer, said, 'if we adopt the resolution we shall be humbly acknowledging our debt to our predecessors who founded and built Toc H and, in part at least, we shall be fulfilling the trust they laid on us when by their wise decisions and courage they provided the assets we now hold'. George reminded Council that they were stewards of those assets and that plans being made for the future would be stillborn without the ready financial resources required to give them life'.

In brief...

Jack Trefusis presented a cheque for £66 to Angèle and Sylvain, former housekeepers at Talbot House, Poperinge, on behalf of the Friends of the Old House.

Eighty eight veterans from the first war were invited by Raunds branch to an evening's entertainment in October.

Thanet Toc H is appealing for trading stamps to continue a summer holidays scheme for deprived London boys. Send them to The Old Forge, Canterbury Road, Birchington—or 5 Cornhill, Ramsgate.

Glen Parva branch always performs in style. There were 170 people at their birthday celebrations in October; the branch's 30 members regularly help out with other Toc H functions.

Betty Dean, founder member and pilot of Yeovil women's branch, has left the town for a new home in Exmouth. Branch members said farewell in October and presented an inscribed silver bracelet.

Weymouth branches collected £47 for the Family Purse at the quarter-centenary celebrations there.

An 'Olde Tyme Musical' show in Weymouth raised £200 for the branch's hospital broadcasting service.

Two £10 notes arrived at HQ in November after padre Roy Beattie had been speaking about Toc H in SE London.

The only man present at the Durrington sale of work drew a pair of ear-rings from the lucky dip! Over £40 was raised from members' home made goods.

Richmond women's branch maintains a very active interest in local affairs, and it is possible that husbands may be persuaded to make it a joint branch.

Following a successful recruiting drive by Gillingham members a new branch is to be formed at nearby Twydall.

Sudbury women's branch celebrated its 35th birthday in October. Peth Davidson, Northern Regional staff, was one of the guests of honour.

Hartley Wintney collected over £200 in one day at their annual autumn fund raising event.

The Rhos Orpheus Male Voice Choir sang to a capacity audience of 3,000 at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester. The event is organised by Manchester Toc H, and relayed to 35 local hospitals and homes.

Wellingborough raised £50 for the local Chest Hospital.

PICTUREPOINT

The Southampton & Winchester Hospital Broadcasting Association has moved into its new £9,000 studio in the basement of Mark V, Southampton. At the microphone is Earl Mountbatten of Burma, who performed the opening ceremony. Hospital broadcasts were started in Southampton by Toc H in 1952. The Association was formed as an independent charity in 1963 and is now on the air every night. Apart from sports commentaries and record requests (the Association has a library of 16,000 records) programmes include celebrity interviews, religious epilogues, news, nostalgic music, outside commentaries on significant local events, bedside interviews, special features and children's programmes. Approximately 100 people are involved in providing this service.

Photo: H J Wood



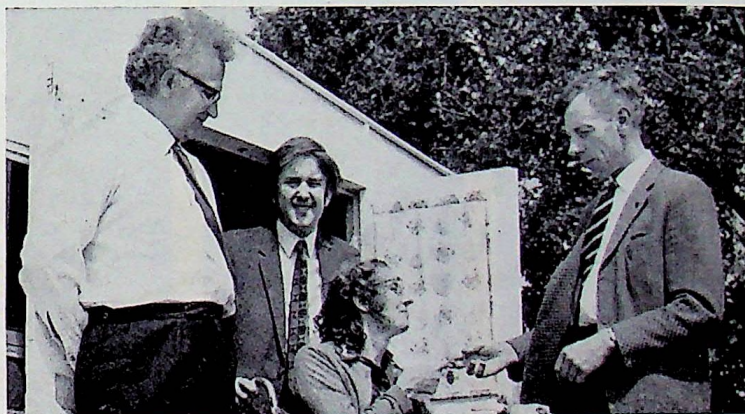
A number of local walking stars took part in a sponsored walk organised by Coningsby branch in Lincolnshire. They may have looked a bit cold at the start but they soon warmed themselves up by taking part in a private race.

Photo: Horncastle and Woodhall Spa News



Mrs Maisie Kirk, the first handicapped person to stay at the specially converted caravan owned by Wolverton branch, receives the keys from Frank Atkins. Behind the wheelchair is branch chairman David Stimson and on the left is Councillor Ray Bellchambers, chairman of the Emberton Park Committee. A site has been provided in the park through the generosity of the Newport Pagnell Rural District Council. A report of this project appeared in last month's issue of *Point Three*.

Photo: Wolverton & Milton Keynes Express



Faces at Headquarters—eight

A place on the hill

Huw Gibbs

High above the bustle of city traffic at Trinity Square and offering a beautiful view of historic London are Tubby's attic flat and study. Today I suppose you would call it a penthouse and be compelled to pay £20 a week more for the privilege. Four floors below city commuters hurry past a bust of an elderly man in an old-fashioned wing collar, sparing nothing more than a curious glance at the commemorative plaque. The building is 41 Trinity Square, and next to it with its colourful badges from the City, Ypres and Poperinge is Talbot House. The bust is of Lord Wakefield, a great friend of Tubby and the property, together with Crutched Friars House around the corner, is owned by the Wakefield Trust. In 1937 Tubby discussed with

Lord Wakefield the need for charitable activity, in accordance with the Toc H way of working, among people living and working on and about Tower Hill. The suggestion was generously rewarded when Lord Wakefield bought the properties with instructions to the Trust to invest the income and use the interest for charitable works generated from Tower Hill.

Visitors to Tubby's ground floor office are often unaware that the Trust is managed from an adjoining office. The editorial and public relations office is housed on the third floor of 41 immediately below Tubby's flat and the SE Regional office and Projects Centre are at Crutched Friars House.

Top row from left to right
Dick Tutt
Gladys Henderson
Reg Peters



below, from left to right
Fred Tuckett
Neil Thornton
Mayne Elson
June Davey



June Davey has worked jointly for the Trust and Tubby for 20 years. She came straight from school and left only to produce a baby in 1957. Son Ian is now 14 and June is assistant secretary for the Wakefield Trust. In her spare time she enjoys interior decorating and gardening. June was born at Camberwell but now lives at Catford.

Reg Peters has been the Wakefield Trust secretary for three years. Before that he was Marks Commissioner. He remembers Tubby visiting his school, Christ's Hospital, in the early twenties, but it took another ten years and a move to India, where he was working for Burmah Shell, before he was finally caught for Toc H. George Davis, former Administrator, was the man who caught him for Madras branch. Reg became deeply involved almost immediately by starting a sea-scout group and later added the Cathedral School and the Bombay/European Relief Association to his many community interests. He was awarded the OBE in 1961 and shortly afterwards returned to the UK to take a fulltime Toc H appointment. During 1963 he chose to become honorary staff, and now concentrates on the affairs of the Trust and looking after the business and social interests of Tubby himself. Reg is married with five children and his home is at Bucklebury Common, Berkshire.

Gladys Henderson is Tubby's personal secretary and joins the exclusive list of men and women who have worked closely with one of the greatest men of modern times. The job is not easy and quite often tears along at a breakneck pace. Men like Tubby are no respecters of timetables or office procedures but Gladys copes magnificently with the daily stream of visitors and the heavy demands of her employer.

She was born in Rochester but lived for many years in Aberdeen working voluntarily at a mental hospital. She is married with three children and lives at Victoria, London. Gladys claims that all her spare time is taken up with voluntary work for the 'Winged Fellowship', a charity which provides holidays for severely physically handicapped people. She is not a member of Toc H, but Tubby is working on it.

Neil Thornton is the 24 year old New Zealander who, up to December last year, was Tubby's ADC. He was born in Napier, North Island, and read English, Political Science and Asian Studies at Victoria University, Wellington. Neil has been Tubby's constant companion on many trips around Britain and abroad and escorted the Founder Padre on his visit to the USA last autumn. Before coming to Britain he worked for a year at a historical research library and hopes to take up teaching eventually. Meanwhile Neil is 'working and travelling around America, Europe and the Far East'.

Dick Tutt, the handyman/porter at Wakefield House, is a comparative newcomer, although he was a Toc H member at Poplar in 1938. During the war he worked with the Fire Service and witnessed the horror of dockside bombings and the destruction of many ancient city buildings. 'We were all over the place once it started,' he recalls. Dick is a single man whose real trade is pastry-cook. 'I was brought up in the trade and I've been a cook all my life.' He lives at East Ham now and renewed his membership last October with Tubby as his sponsor.

Fred Tuckett usually announces his coming with an infectious laugh and a string of funny stories, which makes him laugh even louder. But this is to be expected from a man who followed a family tradition extending back to his grandfather by going to sea at 14½. Fred is Tubby's batman and first met the Padre aboard HMS Beagle stationed in the Mediterranean during the early thirties. He was with Tubby when he opened the Claridges Fleet Club for naval ratings at Alexandria and recalls that Tubby was astute enough to lay on buses from the quayside which carefully skirted the seedy side of the town where ratings were regularly tricked and robbed by criminal shopkeepers. He has been batman for 13 years now after leaving the navy as a chief petty officer. Fred was born at Plymouth and is married with four children.

Mayne Elson is a familiar face at Tower Hill. He retired from the staff in 1969 after 33 years' service but returned less than a year later to look after Tubby's correspondence and visitors' card index. Every call that Tubby makes is recorded and the job of maintaining records is a complicated one.

Mayne's last staff appointment was Commissioner with BAOR and he worked at other times in the west and north of England. When Regionalisation began Mayne became the first SE Regional leader.

He is married with a son in Australia and a teacher daughter living in London. His home is at Aldbury near Tring. Mayne's spare time interests—gardening and he is secretary for the local Parish Council.

What's on in 1972

On most weekends there are vacancies for members outside the Area or District concerned. Applications for Dor Knap should be made to Tommy Trinder at Dor Knap; for Alison House to Joyce Green at headquarters; or to the leaders named. (*Italics show non Toc H events*).

Dor Knap

Youth & Community (Reading)
 " " " (*Newbury*)
 Bristol University group. Ldr Rickie Lowe
Youth & Community (Reading)
 South East projects support group
St Mary's, Rotherhithe

—
 'Role of Central Councillor.'
 Ldr Gilbert Francis

—
 Midlands projects support group
 Projects follow up (Thur./Mon.)

CYFA Radcliffe Youth Group

 Alnmouth and Washington
 Beds, Herts & North Bucks
 North London
 Isle of Wight
 'Community Relations. Ldr Bob Knight

—
 Western Approaches

—
 Wessex Pioneers (Sat./Mon.). OPEN
 DAY FESTIVAL (Mon.)

 Fairfield District with Trent Valley
 South Western Area
 Lindley & Huddersfield District

West Surrey District
 Toc H International Weekend. Ldr Greta
 Penness
 Bristol District
 Holiday week for handicapped. Ldr John
 Burgess (Sat./Sat.)
 'Communicating through drama. Ldr
 Rickie Lowe (Sat./Sat.)
 Music and Painting. Ldrs John Hull and
 Ian Dawson (Sat./Sat.)

—
 Holiday week. Ldr Warden (Sat./Sat.)
 Warden's invitation week (Sat./Sat.)

 South Yorkshire

 East Midlands

—
 Southern Area

—
 Quiet weekend. Ldr Bob Knight
 South Wales
 Beds, Herts & North Bucks
 Worcs Diocese youth clubs

—
Astwood Bank Youth Group
 Clayton Volunteers

Jan. 14 — 16
 21 — 23
 28 — 30

Feb. 4 — 6
 18 — 20
 25 — 27

Mar. 3 — 5

10 — 12
 18 — 19
 24 — 26

30 — 3 April
 31 — 3

April 7 — 9
 7 — 12
 14 — 16

21 — 23
 28 — 30
 May 5 — 7

12 — 14
 14 — 19

19 — 21
 26 — 29

27 — 29
 June 1 — 4

2 — 4
 9 — 11
 16 — 18

23 — 25

30 — 2 July
 July 7 — 9

15 — 22

22 — 29

29 — 5 Aug.
 Aug. 5 — 12

12 — 19
 19 — 26

26 — 2 Sept.
 Sept. 1 — 3

2 — 9

8 — 10

9 — 10

15 — 17

22 — 24

29 — 1 Oct.

Oct. 6 — 8

13 — 15

20 — 22

27 — 29

Nov. 3 — 5

10 — 12

17 — 19

24 — 26

Dec. 1 — 3

Alison House

Methodist Youth Dept.

—
Methodist Youth Dept.

Methodist Youth Council

Leisure weekend—bridge. Ldr Marjorie
 Berry

Methodist Youth Dept.

West Midlands Area Team

Salvation Army (Sat./Sun.)

Derbyshire Girl Guides

Methodist Youth Council (Fri./Mon.)

—
St Hilda's, Oxford (Fri./Wed.)

East Midlands and Lincs Areas

Midland Region

Notts & Derby Area

Kent Area

'Accent on Poetry.' Ldr Keith Rea

Lincolnshire senior citizens. Ldr Ben

Chatterton (Sun./Fri.)

West Essex District

Spring Parks District (Fri./Mon.)

Presbyterian C of E (Thur./Sat.)

North Wales

'Filming Toc H.' Ldrs Johnnie MacMillan,
 Colin Campbell

Order of Rechabites

Manchester District

St James' Tunbridge Wells (Sat./Sat.)

Holiday week.

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Holiday for blind members. Ldr John
 Burgess

West Yorks Area (Sat./Sun.)

Northern Area projects follow-up

Probation Officers' Fellowship

National projects conference

West Essex District

Solihull branch (m)

Midland Region

Derbyshire Girl Guides

Methodist youth conference

Northern Area

Hon Area Treasurers' conference

West Midlands Area Team

Central Executive

NOTE: Space does not permit us to include the increasing number of mid-week bookings from schools at both Alison House and Dor Knap.

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An appeal for Toc H Scotland

On Radio 4 (Scotland) on Sunday, February 6 at 10.25 am. Encourage your friends in Scotland to listen. 1972 is the Jubilee year of Toc H in Scotland.

The appeal will be made by the Very Rev Lord MacLeod of Fuinary. George MacLeod was a Toc H padre in the 20's and is now one of the Movement's Presidents. He is the founder of the Iona Community and a former Moderator of the Church of Scotland.

TOC H STAFF VACANCY. The Projects office in London requires a man or woman for a full time administrative post. Applications to John Burgess, 42 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2AL.



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